Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Daily once. I think it is in the forenoon.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Have they made any request to increase their salary or allowance?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Not to my knowledge.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know, whether they have at least two hours of work every day?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Even more.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Does the Government think that these allowances are proper in all cases?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: That is a wider question. It is a question of finance.

Mr. President: That is a matter of opinion.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: We can understand what the needs of the people will be?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: In the opinion of the Government, it is quite satisfactory.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: They are allowed private practice, is it not?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Yes.

MANURE—FOWLER'S PROCESS

312. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: Will Government be pleased to state that the manure prepared by the Fowler's process is good for the various trees grown and cultivations that are conducted in the Central Farm?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: It is good for many crops cultivated at the Central Farm.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: May I know, Sir, what is the quantity of manure that is purchased by the Central Farm?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: I do not think they are purchasing much from the Laloor depot. I have just ordered to look into this matter, because I approached the municipality and requested them to reduce the rate. Now they have informed me that they are prepared to sell it at a reduced rate. I have asked the Director of Agriculture to instruct all the Inspectors to do propaganda work and at the same time report whether it is not possible to purchase the whole in a lot and utilise it for intensive cultivation.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South)*: If the whole of the manure that is manufactured there is to be purchased by the Central Farm, I think probably the dumping ground will be transferred with the result that no transport charges need be borne. It was with a view to that that I put this question.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Is the manure good for paddy cultivation?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: It is.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Is it being distributed?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*: It is. Not free.

WORK OF CONSTRUCTING BEE-HIVES—GIVING ON CONTRACT

313. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the work of constructing bee-hives (notified in Gazette dated 30th Thulam 1117, Rural Development Department, page 7) was given on contract;

(*b*) to whom; at what rate;

(*c*) the tender reduction offered by others who submitted tenders;

(*d*) whether the successful tenderer was allowed to take timber to his workshop to construct the hives;

(*e*) if answer to (*d*) is in the affirmative, whether that was contemplated in the tender notification?

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) The supply of bee-hives was given on contract after inviting tenders.

(*b*) Mr. T. P. Rappai for Rs. 1—2—0 each hive.

(*c*) The tendered rates of others were as follows.—

(1) Mr. A. C. Francis Rs. 1—10—6.

(2) Cherpu Carpenters' Co-operative Society—Rs. 1—9—0 at their workshop and at the Centre—Rs. 1—10—6.

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